

Braintree Historical Commission
Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2016
Johnson Chambers – Braintree Town Hall

Present: Elizabeth Mees (Chair) Ron Frazier
Paul Carr Kate Nedelman-Herbst

Also Present: Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development

Meeting convened at 7:04 PM

Historical Commission Vacancy: Christine reported that a resident has expressed interest in the vacant position, Derek Manning. Members reviewed his resume and noted his experience. Members suggested staff encourage the Mayor to fill the position and add two alternate positions as well as allowed under the Charter.

Updates: The *Adams Park* had their dedication and staff is working with the applicants to close out their CPA application – there is some issue of costs exceeding their budget. Christine will be meeting with Craig Barnes who is representing the Church to reach a resolution. *Elm Street Cemetery* – the RFQ has been noticed in the Central Register for a professional assessment of the fence, granite columns and the granite wall surrounding the cemetery. It will be available on 7/20/16 with responses due back on 8/10/16. *Demolition Delay* – Christine reported she asked about it with the Council Clerk who was checking with the chair of the subcommittee however no response. Members asked Christine to send an email asking on their behalf the status of the subcommittee report to the full Council. *Gallivan House* – nothing new to report. *Union School Historical Assessment* – Christine reported that the proposals were reviewed and rank for recommendation to the Mayor. We are awaiting a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the negotiated price proposal. *Old Thayer Library Phase III* – Christine reported she met a few weeks back with the Chair of the Commission on Disabilities (COD) and the ADA Coordinator. The COD has concerns that accessibility is not being a priority with the proposal and has stated they intend to contact the Mayor as to the proposal. Christine noted that she was told to go forward and get it designed to be ready for construction shortly. Bargmann + Hendrie are working on the plans and she hopes to have some type of presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Other: Elizabeth Mees asked about the Historic Inventory proposal and Christine responded that the department has been struggling with the work load and the Mayor's desire to move the Peterson Pool Project forward which has taken a lot of staff time away from other projects. She hopes to have something to report on shortly.

Minutes: Ron Frazier amended the 3/7/16 minutes deleting language. Kate Nedelman-Herbst **MOTION** to accept the minutes as amended for 3/7/16, 3/29/16 and 5/2/16, seconded by Ron Frazier – unanimously voted.

Kate Nedelman-Herbst **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Carr – unanimously voted. The meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Stickney, Director
Planning and Community Development